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Detailed preparation of the State Plan for the Third Five-Year Plan will be taken up only after the preliminary draft outline is approved by the Planning Commission. In the meantime, proposals for the constitution of Working Groups, parallel to those set up at the Centre, in sectors such as Irrigation, Power, etc., for formulating proposals for the Third Plan are under consideration.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : What line will be taken to associate people's representatives in the framing of the Plan?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Members of the Legislature may be taken into these Working Groups when they are formed.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will a Committee of the Legislature be constituted to assess the needs of the State in the several departments and finalize the schemes for inclusion in the Plan?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The Government have not taken any decision in the matter.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Government consider such a proposal?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : It is only a suggestion. It is not a question. The suggestion will be borne in mind.

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : இது மக்கள் திட்டமாக இருக்குமா ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : மக்கள் திட்டமாக இருக்குமா என்றால், மக்களுக்காகச் செய்யப்படுவதெல்லாம் மக்கள் திட்டம்தான்.

High School for the Blind at Poonamallee

* 128 *Q*.—DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of students who qualified themselves in the S.S.L.C. Public Examination from the Government High School for the Blind at Poonamallee in 1957–58; and

(*b*) the steps taken to place them in any employment?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Four, Sir.

(*b*) Of the four, two have left the institution and the other two who continue to remain in the school are engaged in transcribing Draille Text Books required for the use of the school.

DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : அந்த இரண்டு பேர்களையும் சிறு கைத்தொழில் நிலையங்களில் அமர்த்துவதற்கு ஏதாவது ஏற்பாடு அரசாங்கம் செய்து கொடுக்குமா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : With only general education we find it almost impossible to place them in any job. But with vocational training we are able to find jobs for them.

VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : அவர்கள் கல்லூரியில் அனுமதிக்கப்பட வேண்டுமென்று கேட்டார்களா ? அப்படிக் கேட்ட மாணவர் அனுமதிக்கப்பட்டாரா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : கல்லூரியிலே ஒரு பையன் படிப்பதாக எனக்கு ஞாபகம்.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : With reference to the answer given by the Hon. Minister, will be kindly tell us what steps will be taken to make the school more craft-centred so as to switch on the students to some craft after the school course?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Now there are three or four crafts taught in the school and I think with that they are able to find employment.

Pension to teachers

* 129 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal before the Government to give fixed rates of pension to teachers instead of calculating at 30/120 cf the last three years' average salary; and

(b) If so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is it a fact, Sir, that there is a proposal to give a flat rate of pension to B.T.'s unlike the other teachers?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am not aware of any such proposal. It should be a proposal of somebody else who should be thinking about it.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : There is a rule that this quarter pension will not be applicable to B.T.'s. May I know the reason why the Government brought in such a disparity?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, we have taken into account the Provident Fund and other benefits which the private aided school teachers enjoy more than those employed by the Government. Making an allowance for that, we have made the calculation. That is why we have said on what basis the B.T.'s should get their pension.

Foreign service to the teaching personnel

* 130 Q.—VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether any members of the teaching personnel of (i) the Presidency College, Madras, and (ii) the Government Arts College, Madras, applied for Foreign Service during the years 1957–58 and 1958–59; and

(b) if so, whether they have been permitted to take up these posts and, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) & (b) One member of the teaching staff of the Presidency College, Madras, applied for a post in the University of Madras during 1957–58. His application